## **Archaeology Grant Opportunities**

Did you know that there are grant funds available for archaeology projects and research in our state? For example, each year, the Division receives federal funding under the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) Program, which is administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service. This program helps promote historic preservation and archaeology in Indiana by providing assistance to projects that will aid the State in meeting its goals for cultural resource management. Each year, a portion of this money is set aside for archaeology projects.

Archaeological projects include: survey, testing, and research focused on specific geographic areas or cultural groups; National Register nominations for individual or multiple archaeological sites; and public education programs and materials relating to archaeology, including workshops, training events, mock digs, publications, and brochures.

The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology's (DHPA) grant projects are governed by strict eligibility requirements. Eligible applicants include: governmental agencies such as county commissions, city councils, redevelopment commissions, county transportation departments, school and library boards, etc; educational institutions such as state or private colleges and universities; and public or private not-for-profit groups such as local preservation groups, foundations, and historical societies. The investigations must be conducted by qualified professional archaeologists.

There are many opportunities regarding archaeology and grant funding. The DHPA's Grants Staff is always available to answer questions about our grant programs, and the Archaeology Staff will be happy to answer archaeological questions. Please contact our office to learn more about these exciting opportunities for your local community, county, and region!

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